

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly replace paragraph 0012 with the following amended paragraph.

In accordance with the present invention, this problem is solved with the shelf storage facility ~~presenting the features defined in Claim 1 of the present invention.~~

Kindly replace paragraph 0013 with the following amended paragraph.

In the new shelf storage facility, the individual products **[do]** no longer rest directly on shelves but rather shelf bays are provided for the products in which the products are stored on suitable supports. The product supports are provided with guiding means that permit a correct positioning of the product supports in the correct position in the respective shelf bay.

Kindly replace paragraph 0024 with the following amended paragraph.

~~The elimination of trouble and the storage and removal by hand is simplified when several groups of shelf bays are accommodated in a drawer rack that is disposed for longitudinal displacement in a shelf rack, in a way similar to a drawer cabinet. In the case of trouble the respective troubled drawer shelf causing the problem can be withdrawn and is comfortably accessible from all sides, as is known from drawer cabinets.~~

Kindly replace paragraph 0029 with the following amended paragraph.

~~Moreover, improvements of the invention are the subject matters of dependent Claims. The drawing illustrates an embodiment of the subject matter of the invention. In the drawing:~~

Kindly replace paragraph 0059 with the following amended paragraph.

For manipulation of the product support 42 and the products 48, the storage and retrieval device 4 is provided. The storage and retrieval device 4 moves horizontally on a cross arm 49 that is guided for displacement in a vertical direction between the two supports 3a and 3b. The cross arm can be vertically adjusted, for example by means of toothed belts [5] 51 whilst the storage and retrieval device 4 can be horizontally displaced on the cross arm 49 by means of driving systems that are not illustrated either. Such driving systems are common and need not be discussed in details because they are not essential for the comprehension of the invention.